

**MSO202A COMPLEX VARIABLES**  
**Solution -4**

Problems for Discussion:

1. Use the ML-inequality to prove the following inequalities:

- (a)  $\left| \int_{\gamma} \frac{1}{1+z^2} dz \right| \leq \frac{\pi}{3}$ ,  $\gamma$  is the arc of  $|z| = 2$  from 2 to  $2i$ .  
 (b)  $\left| \int_{\gamma} (1+z^2) dz \right| \leq \pi R(R^2+1)$ ,  $\gamma$  is the semicircular arc of  $|z| = R$ .

Solution:

- (a)  $\left| \frac{1}{1+z^2} \right| \leq \frac{1}{|z|^2-1} = \frac{1}{3}$ ,  $L = \pi$ .  
 (b)  $|(1+z^2)| \leq |z|^2+1 = R^2+1$ ,  $L = \pi R$ .

2. Evaluate, by parametrizing the path if you must, or otherwise:

- (a)  $\int_C \tan z dz$ , where  $C$  is the circle  $|z| = 1$  oriented counter-clockwise.  
 (b)  $\int_C \operatorname{Re} z^2 dz$ ,  $C$  is the circle  $|z| = 1$  oriented counter-clockwise.  
 (c)  $\int_C e^{4z} dz$ ,  $C$  is the shortest path from  $8-3i$  to  $8-(3+\pi)i$ .

Solution:

- (a) 0, as  $\tan z$  is analytic in a disc containing the unit circle  $|z| = 1$ .  
 (b)  $\int_C \operatorname{Re} z^2 dz = \int_0^{2\pi} \cos 2\theta d\theta = 0$ .  
 (c) As  $e^{4z}$  has primitive  $F(z) = \frac{e^{4z}}{4}$ ,  $\int_C e^{4z} dz = F(8-(3+\pi)i) - F(8-3i)$ .

3. For what closed contours  $C$  will it follow from Cauchy's integral theorem that

(a)  $\int_C \frac{1}{z} dz = 0$ , (b)  $\int_C \frac{e^{1/z}}{z^2+9} dz = 0$ ?

Solution: (a) Any closed contours  $C$  which does not enclose 0. (b) Any closed contours  $C$  which does not enclose 0,  $\pm 3i$ .

4. Integrate  $\frac{z^2}{z^4-1}$  counter-clockwise around the circle (a)  $|z+1| = 1$  (b)  $|z+i| = 1$ .

Solution: (a)  $z^4-1 = (z^2+1)(z^2-1)$ ,  $\frac{z^2}{z^4-1} = \frac{z^2-1+1}{z^4-1} = \frac{1}{z^2+1} + \frac{1}{z^4-1}$ ,  $\int_C \frac{z^2}{z^4-1} dz = 0 + 2\pi i f(-1) = -\frac{\pi i}{2}$ , where  $f(z) = \frac{1}{(z-1)(z^2+1)}$ . (b) Similar.

5. Integrate the following functions counter-clockwise on the unit circle  $|z| = 1$ :

(a)  $\frac{z^3}{2z-i}$  (b)  $\frac{\cosh 3z}{2z}$  (c)  $\frac{z^3 \sin z}{3z-1}$ .

Solution: (a)  $2\pi i \frac{z^3}{2}|_{z=i/2}$ . (b)  $\frac{\cosh 3z}{2}|_{z=0} = 1$ . (c)  $\frac{z^3 \sin z}{3}|_{z=1/3}$ .

6. Let  $\Gamma$  denote the positively oriented boundary of the square whose sides lie on the lines  $x = \pm 2$  and  $y = \pm 2$ . Using Cauchy integral formula, evaluate the following integrals:

(a)  $\int_{\Gamma} \frac{e^{-z}}{z-2\pi i} dz$  (b)  $\int_{\Gamma} \frac{\cos z}{z(z^2+8)} dz$  (c)  $\int_{\Gamma} \frac{z}{2z+1} dz$  (d)  $\int_{\Gamma} \frac{\cosh z}{z^4} dz$ .

Solution: Using the Cauchy integral formula :

(a) 0.

(b)  $i\pi/4$ .

(c)  $\int_{\gamma} \frac{z/2}{z+1/2} dz = 2i\pi(-1/4) = -i\pi/2$ .

(d)  $2\pi i \sinh 0/(3!) = 0$ .

7. Let  $C$  be the positively oriented circle  $|z| = 3$ . If  $f(w) = \int_C \frac{2z^2 - z - 2}{z - w} dz$ ,  $|w| \neq 3$ , then show that  $f(2) = 8i\pi$ . What is  $f(w)$ , if  $|w| > 3$ ?

Solution:  $f(2) = \int_C \frac{2z^2 - z - 2}{z - 2} dz = 2\pi i(2z^2 - z - 2)|_{z=2} = 8\pi i$ . When  $|w| > 3$ , the integrand is analytic in a open set containing  $C$  (since  $w$  lies outside  $C$ ) and is hence 0.

### Problems for Tutorial:

1. Evaluate, by parametrizing the path if you must, or otherwise:

(a)  $\int_{-i}^i \frac{1}{z} dz$

(b)  $\int_C \sin^2 z dz$ ,  $C$  is from  $-\pi i$  to  $\pi i$  along  $|z| = \pi$  oriented counter-clockwise.

Solution:

(a) The integral is well defined as the function  $\frac{1}{z}$  is analytic in a simply connected domain  $\mathbb{C} \setminus$  the negative real axis containing  $\pm i$ . Therefore,

$$\int_{-i}^i \frac{1}{z} dz = \text{Ln}(i) - \text{Ln}(-i) = i\pi.$$

(b) As  $\sin^2 z = \frac{1 - \cos 2z}{2}$  has primitive  $F(z) = \frac{z}{2} - \frac{\sin 2z}{4}$ ,  $\int_C \sin^2 z dz = F(\pi i) - F(-\pi i) = \pi i$ .

2. For what closed contours  $C$  will it follow from Cauchy's integral theorem that

(a)  $\int_C \text{Ln}(z) dz = 0$  (b)  $\int_C \frac{\cos z}{z^6 - z^2} dz = 0$ ?

Solution: (a) Any closed contours  $C$  which is contained in the simply connected domain  $\mathbb{C} \setminus$  the negative real axis.

(b) Any closed contours  $C$  which does not enclose  $0, \pm 1, \pm i$ .

3. Apply Cauchy's theorem to  $f(z) = e^{z^2}$  on the rectangle with vertices at  $\pm a$  and  $\pm a + ib$ ,  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}^+$  to show that  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2} \cos 2bx dx = \sqrt{\pi} e^{-b^2}$ .

Solution: Let the oriented contour be  $C_1 \cup C_2 \cup C_3 \cup C_4$  where  $C_1 : z = x, dz = dx$   $x$  varies from  $-a$  to  $a$ ;  $C_2 : z = a + iy, dz = idy$   $y$  goes from  $0$  to  $b$ ;  $C_3 : z = x + ib, dz = dx$  with  $x$  goes from  $a$  to  $-a$  and for  $C_4 : z = -a + iy, dz = idy$  with  $y$  going from  $b$  to  $0$ .

By Cauchy's theorem,  $\sum_{i=1}^4 \int_{C_i} f = 0$ .

$$\left| \int_{C_2} e^{z^2} dz \right| = \left| \int_0^b e^{-(a^2 - y^2)} e^{-2ay} i dy \right| \leq e^{-a^2} \int_0^b e^{y^2} dy \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } a \rightarrow \infty. \text{ Similarly, } \left| \int_{C_4} e^{z^2} dz \right| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } a \rightarrow \infty. \text{ Thus } \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2} dx = \sqrt{\pi} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-(x^2 + b^2)} e^{-2ixb} dx.$$

The result follows by comparing the real parts.

4. Let  $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be a function which is analytic on  $\{z \in \mathbb{C} : z \neq 0\}$  and bounded on the set  $\{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| \leq \frac{1}{2}\}$ . Prove that  $\int_{|z|=R} f(z) dz = 0$  for every  $R > 0$ .

Solution: Let  $r < \frac{1}{2}$ . Using Cauchy's theorem for multiply connected domains,

$$\int_{|z|=R} f(z) dz = \int_{|z|=r} f(z) dz, \text{ which using ML inequality satisfy } \left| \int_{|z|=R} f(z) dz \right| = \left| \int_{|z|=r} f(z) dz \right| \leq \sup_{|z|=r} |f(z)| 2\pi r \rightarrow 0, \text{ as } r \rightarrow 0.$$

5. Using Cauchy integral formula integrate counterclockwise:

$$\oint_C \frac{\text{Ln}(z+1)}{z^2+1} dz, \quad C : |z-2i| = 2.$$

Solution :

$$\oint_C \frac{\text{Ln}(z+1)}{z^2+1} dz = \frac{i}{2} \oint_C \text{Ln}(z+1) \left[ \frac{1}{z-i} - \frac{1}{z+i} \right] dz = \frac{i}{2} \oint_C \frac{\text{Ln}(z+1)}{z-i} dz = \pi \text{Ln}(1+i).$$

as  $z = -i$  lies outside  $|z-2i| = 2$  and hence the integral of that term is zero by Cauchy's integral theorem.